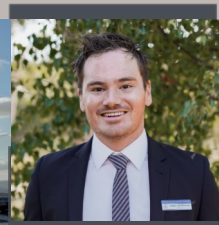


Bruny Island District School

Where every child is empowered to develop the skills and confidence to enrich their lives and the lives of others.



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ASPIRATION GROWTH COURAGE RESPECT

6 APRIL 2022

Current Yearly Attendance:

K	P	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
87%	87%	89%	80%	78%	83%	83%	69%
Previous Fortnightly Attendance Data:							
84%	88%	90%	79%	86%	87%	72%	80%

Little Penguins

Weekly Excursions (contact us for more information)

COVID-19: 5-11 Vaccination Clinic (RFDS)

April 14 (Dose 1) and June 9 (Dose 2)

Student Free Day

April 14

Good Friday

April 15

Oral Health Checks

May 3—5

NAPLAN

May 10-20 (Testing Window)

Pirate Day

May 13

REMINDERS

Friday (each week)

2:30 finish for students

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 9 February—13 April

Term 2 2 May—8 July

Term 3 26 July—30 September

Term 4 17 October—21 December

Dear Families,

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

Last week our Year 3 to 6 students made all of us proud as they demonstrated our school values of *Aspiration* and *Courage* throughout the entire Swim Camp and during all of our Swimming and Water Safety lessons. The feedback from the swimming instructors, teachers and the bus company have all been overwhelmingly positive; describing our students as kind, caring and wonderful learners. Well done to our students and thank you to all of our families for supporting this busy week we have just had. We know we delivered some very tired young people home to you on Wednesday afternoon.

I'd also like to acknowledge and say thank you to our team that enabled Swim Camp and the Swimming and Water Safety programme to continue this year. Mr Hamilton, Claire and Miss Kestle have each volunteered a huge number of hours and spent a lot of time preparing for the week we have just had. Thank you is also extended to Karen and Tilly for the many hours of communicating with families, the camp site, the swimming department, bus companies, ordering food and managing the finances for this experience. Thank you also to Ali and Sarah for cooking dinner for us on the first night of Swim Camp. Swim Camp is certainly a team effort and I'd like to thank everyone involved. This Friday we will be welcoming back Rob Vingerhoets (Mathematics Educational Consultant), to spend the day with us at Bruny Island District School. We are thrilled to be able to collaborate and learn from Rob once again this year following his first visit to our school in 2021. Rob will continue to work with our team of educators to develop our skills and practice for improving Mathematical outcomes for our students. We look forward to sharing this with you next week. Thanks everyone.

Take care and kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

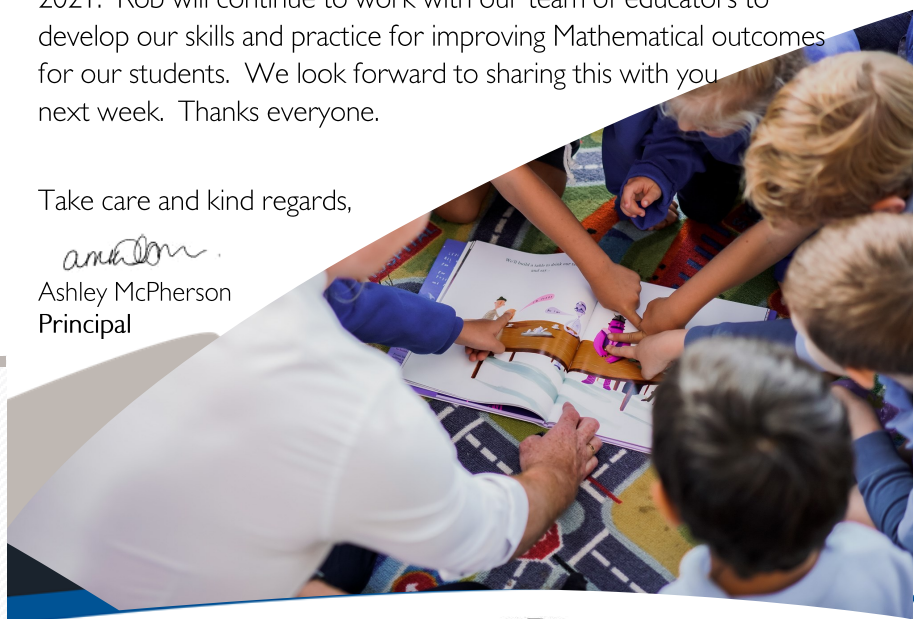
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BRUNY ISLAND BIRD FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our students and to Ms. Hearn for preparing an outstanding Art display that was on show during the Bruny Island Bird Festival.



CURATORS AWARD

Kate Morton, curator of the Bruny Island Bird Festival Art Exhibition, has awarded a prize to a student at our school for their outstanding piece of Art. Kate sent us the following:

The Curators Award for the Bruny Island District School Bird Festival Exhibition was awarded to Silas Paxton for the following reasons.

Silas' painting, "40 Spotted Pardalote", captured the "essence" of the tiny endangered bird.

A Pardalote nests in dark little holes, it is very difficult to see in amongst the dark foliage of the Eucalyptus Viminalis that is its favourite habitat, and it's 40 spots are almost impossible to count when it flutters from one branch to another.

Silas might not have been conscious of including these aspects of the bird in his painting, but his instinct for the innate nature of this little creature is obvious.

Congratulations Silas!





Our Prep– Year 2 students participated in the *Discovery Ranger at the Neck* experience as part of the Bird Festival. We had a wonderful day as researchers learning about birds in the area from Ranger Reyne.

Ranger Reyne invited us to search the area for evidence of bird life before sharing some incredible facts, pictures and information about birds in the area.

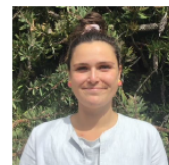
STUDENT NEWS
...by the students at Bruny Island District School

NEW TEACHER ALERT!

Our SRC have been busy interviewing some of our new staff to introduce them to our community. Here is a staff profile for Miss Shelton and Miss Kestle.

Reporters: Year 6 Students Isla and Alex

Reporters: Year 6 Students Ella and Rosie



Year 1-2-3 Teacher: Miss Shelton
Why did you want to live on Bruny Island?
The great community and the beautiful environment. I love the small community and hope to never move back into the city.

P. E. Teacher: Miss Kestle
Why did you want to live on Bruny Island?
I met my partner who lives on Bruny in early 2017. It was a bonus that he happened to live in paradise!

Why did you want to teach at Bruny Island District School?
Bruny School has a great staff and great kids. I love the garden as I grew up without a garden.

Why did you want to teach at Bruny Island District School?
Bruny Island District School is the best kept secret! The whole school community (students, teachers, families and friends) are so special and unique. I feel privileged to be part of the team this year.

Why did you want to become a teacher?
I was originally an event manager and ran many weddings and festivals. Both of my parents were teachers, so I decided to go back to Uni and try teaching for myself. I love working with kids.

Why did you want to become a teacher?
Having been a park ranger and a bushwalking guide, I came to the realisation that I enjoyed sharing knowledge, particularly with the young minds of our next generation.

When did you start teaching and why?
I started at Bruny School last year. I didn't really like event management and I also wanted to try teaching.

When did you start teaching and why?
I completed my Master of Teaching last year and this is my first teaching contract. I wanted a new challenge and decided that the skills I have and enjoy are best suited to teaching.

What hobbies do you have? What do you like to do?
I love bush walking, team sports (mostly watching), and gardening. I have my own garden and I have tomatoes growing. I was inspired by our school garden to give this a try.

What hobbies do you have? What do you like to do?
I love being outside! I enjoy surfing. It's a special feeling being in the ocean with the added adrenaline of catching a wave. I love spending time with my dogs at home as well.



Student News has been prepared by the students of Bruny Island District School. Each month we will provide you with a Student News update about the things that matter to us.



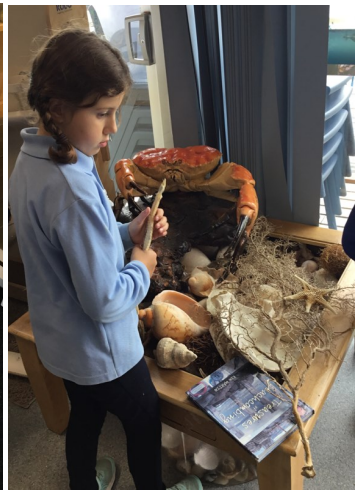
Have you read the latest *Bruny News*?

Each month students from our school are contributing a page titled *Student News*. This month some of our SRC interviewed our newest teachers: Miss Shelton and Miss Kestle. You can read this interview in the latest *Bruny News*.



WOODBIDGE MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Yesterday the K/P/1 class had an excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge. We patted sharks, skates, we learnt about sea cucumbers and hermit crabs, we made our own rocky shores habitat, we did lots of arts and crafts and we finished off by feeding the fish bits of squid on sticks. It was so much fun and such a wonderful learning experience.



SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY EXCURSION



OUTDOOR LITTLE PENGUINS (LIL)

LITTLE PENGUINS EXCURSION TIMETABLE:

DATE	Time	DAY	MEETING POINT:	INFOR-
8 April	9:00-10:30	Fri	Cemetery Beach	Meet on the beach.
13 April	9:00-10:30	Wed	Miniature Farm	No cost involved. Meet in the carpark.



We have really enjoyed our Outdoor LiL sessions throughout the second half of Term 1. We will be using this experience to launch our learning inquiry in the classroom when we return to site-based LiL sessions.

We still have two more excursions planned for the next two weeks and we would love to see our LiL families attend.

If you would like more information about our Launching Into Learning programme, please contact our office.

Please remember to complete an enrolment form if you would like to join us and to check our Facebook page for any updates or cancellations due to the weather.

COMING IN TERM 2: Pirate Day!

Pirate Day is an annual day of dressing up to raise awareness and vital funds for childhood brain cancer research. Each May, buccaneers across the country jump aboard throughout Brain Cancer Awareness Month, putting on their best pirate outfits for a good cause.



Pirate Day!

Come dressed as a pirate on Friday 13th of May.

- Bring a gold coin donation.
- Money raised will support kids with brain cancer.
- Activities to be a surprise!



COVID-19 Update

keep it
COVID safe.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR.

Thank you to our entire school community for your cooperation this term by practising COVID-safe behaviours.

As you know, an important COVID-safe behaviour is to stay at home if you're unwell and get tested for COVID-19 using a rapid antigen test.

Public Health tells us that the number of cases of COVID-19 in children is low, and they're likely to have milder symptoms.

It's a good reminder to be mindful of the **symptoms of COVID-19 in children**. The most [common symptoms](#) of COVID-19 in children are cough, fever, runny nose and gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

For more information, please visit the [Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website](#) or contact the [Tasmanian Public Health Hotline](#) on 1800 671 738, or Department of Education COVID-19 Support Hotline at COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au or on 1800 816 057.

If you need support translating or interpreting this information, please contact the [Translating and Interpreting Service](#) on 131 450.

Sick? Thanks for staying home! But please let us know so we can mark our attendance correctly.

Call: 62 93 11 47 or **email:** bruny.island.district@education.tas.gov.au

NAYRI NAIRA GOOD SPIRIT FESTIVAL 2022

We invite families & children to join us at this year's Nayri Niara *Good Spirit* Festival - a connective experience for everyone.

The festival is held 22-25th April on the stunning cultural landscape of lunawuni/Bruny Island.



The Nayri Niara *Good Spirit* Festival is a powerful, inclusive and safe place for all people to come together, unplug, enhance well-being and connect to the land; honouring culture, knowledge and community through music, ceremony and play. The full range of offerings unites the Indigenous & non Indigenous community and creates a space where all are welcome, cultivating a connectedness between individuals and groups, with a strong focus on families.

We believe it's important to honour our younger generations by creating a welcoming and inclusive space that leads young participants and their families through cultural and bush experiences and activities that allow children to learn, express themselves and create through play, collaboration and conversation. The festival offerings, in particular the Children's Village, celebrates our individual abilities and expression, sharing them within a supportive environment and community.



The Nayri Niara good spirit Festival encourages safety and inclusivity through being a drug and alcohol-free event, and including a discounted ticket for Aboriginal Community Members, Bruny Island Residents, Concession Holders & **free entry for children under 15.**

Our students at Bruny Island District School have been given the fantastic opportunity to include a collaborative art piece at the festival. After our recent excursion and further learning about short-tailed shearwaters (muttonbirds), we'll be creating a kelp muttonbird sculpture as we discuss habitat depletion, healing country and environmental conservation.

For more information on Nayri Niara *Good Spirit* Festival including programming and ticket purchasing, please visit

www.nayriniaragoodspirit.com/festival2022

Facebook: @nayriniaragoodspiritfestival

Instagram: @nayriniara

Thanks, we look forward to sharing our collaborative art piece with all of you in the next couple of weeks.

Hayley McClure

Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW)

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC



CHILDREN COVID-19 VACCINATIONS ARE HERE IN

Bruny Island

Location: Bruny Island District School

Thursday 14th April 2022 10.30am - 3.00pm - 5 -11 yrs - Dose 1

Thursday 9 June 2022 10.30am - 3.00pm 5 -11 yrs - Dose 2

CHILDREN 5 - 11 YRS & 12 -18YRS

VACCINATION BUS

Tasmanian Government's COVID-19 vaccination bus, run in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS), is heading around the state to regional and rural towns.



For more information:

Public Health Hotline **1800 671 738**
coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccine



School Holiday Activities

YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE

Saturday 9 April

Come and celebrate Youth Week Tasmania at the Youth Arts Showcase featuring a Makers Market, art exhibition and live performances by local young people. Food trucks on site.

Cost: Free
Age: All ages
Time: 11am – 3.30pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub



WHITE CARD TRAINING

Thursday 21 April

Certified training with Select Safety. A must for entry into the construction industry.

To book this training go to <https://hubyouthprogram.eventbrite.com.au>

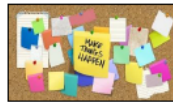
Cost: \$50
Age: 16 +
Time: 9am – 3pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub

SEED TO STARTUP

Tuesday 26 April

Do you want to start a business or side hustle? Then this creative and hands on workshop is for you! Learn how to brainstorm, plan, pitch & launch your idea. Eily from The Propagators helps budding entrepreneurs launch an idea.

Cost: Free
Age: 12 - 24
Time: 9am – 1pm
Place: Kingborough Community Hub



HYPERDRIVE GO-KART RACING

Wednesday 27 April

Get onboard and feel the rush in the electric go-karts at Hyperdrive! Participants must wear closed-toe shoes.



Cost: \$15
Age: 12 - 18
Time: 10.30am – 11.45am
Place: 22-24 Mertonvale Circuit, Kingston

BLACKMANS BAY SKATE PARK EVENT

Thursday 28 April

Be part of the fun at this Tas Skate Park League event. Competition for scooters, skate boarders and BMX or just come along to spectate.

Registrations open at 11am.
Free BBQ.
Cost: FREE
Age: All ages
Time: 11am - 4pm
Place: Blackmans Bay Skate Park



Have you seen the Let's Talk TV ad? Maybe you heard the radio ad in the car?

Even if you haven't heard of Let's Talk, we want to hear from you!

If you are a parent or carer, please fill in this 5 minute [feedback form](#) and tell us what you think of the [Let's Talk Campaign](#) so far.

You will go into the running for one of 10 x \$50 giftcards that can be used at a range of shops and supermarkets.

Are you getting some tricky questions at home about COVID-19? Watch [this video](#) with senior school psychologist Janet Coad. She shares tips on talking to kids about Covid.

If you want to take your mind off COVID-19, you can find lots of fun ideas for chatting with your kids at the Let's talk website www.talk.tas.gov.au

Stay up to date with Let's Talk by signing up for our newsletter here:

Feedback link: Please scan the QR CODE:



youthservices
www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/youth

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For more information and bookings please visit <https://shp-april-2022.eventbrite.com.au>

2 MAY - 8 JULY

TASMANIAN PREMIER'S

READING CHALLENGE

HAWKS

READ 10 BOOKS IN 10 WEEKS!

To find out more, visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au

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